



## DDC NOTES – FEBRUARY 2009

**Welcome to 2009** – The Council selected a logo to use on its materials. Let me know what you think. Look for the DD Network booth at several conferences this spring and summer. Be sure to let me know if you have suggestions for activities for the Council or have questions regarding any Council activities. Please share this newsletter with others who might have an interest. Thank you! Arlene Poncelet, Director

**Report on January meeting of the DD Council** – The Council met in Pierre on January 29. Grants were approved for the Youth Leadership Forum 2009, College of Direct Support, Providing Information and Resources and two Training Sessions (Al Condeluci and Dr. Tom Powell). The Council also held a discussion on activities for the remainder of this Five-Year State Plan.

**South Dakota's Legislative Session** – There are a number of programs for people with disabilities that were cut or reduced in the Governor's Revised Budget. To keep updated on the latest from this Legislative Session, everyone can set up their own bill tracking list, listen to committee meetings, and more from the Legislative Research Council website - <http://legis.state.sd.us/index.aspx>. Another way to keep current on bills that impact people with disabilities is to sign up for the email updates done by Shelly Pfaff with the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities (email Shelly at [shellyp@sd-ccd.org](mailto:shellyp@sd-ccd.org)) or Robert Kean at SD Advocacy Services (1-800-658-4782).

**Education & Training Mini-Grants for FFY2009 Available** – The Council has issued a Request for Proposals for Mini-Grants (Less than \$5000) with a specific emphasis on projects that focus on employment of people with disabilities, Individual Justice Planning, community living options and inclusive recreation programs.

### **SD Dental Providers Trained to Serve People with Disabilities**

To find the dentist closest to you who has received specialized training in the examination and treatment of persons with disabilities, contact the South Dakota Dental Association. Contact the South Dakota Dental Association at 605.224.9133 or email [info@sddental.org](mailto:info@sddental.org). [www.sddental.org](http://www.sddental.org)

*The following items may be of interest – inclusion in DDC Notes does not constitute endorsement by the Council.*

### **Resources from the Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities**

If your personal or professional goals include becoming more active in influencing public policy, the MN Council invites you to take advantage of the variety of free resources available to all at the Partners in Policymaking website - [www.partnersinpolicymaking.com](http://www.partnersinpolicymaking.com). You'll find links to hundreds of web sites, publications, reports and videotapes addressing inclusion, self-determination, activism, technology, education, employment, and more. Five online courses are now available to anyone who would like to increase their knowledge and skills in community living, history, education, self-advocacy, and employment.

### **New National Center for Parents with Disabilities**

A new National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families has been established under the auspices of Through the Looking Glass, a non-profit organization founded in 1982. The Center will oversee several national research studies concerning parents with disabilities and their families, as well as provide consultations, trainings and publications to parents, family members and professionals. The new Center will focus its research and resource activities on four critical areas that impact parents with disabilities: custody, family roles and personal assistance; paratransit and intervention with parents with cognitive disabilities and their children. More information about the Center and Through the Looking Glass visit the organization's website ([www.lookingglass.org](http://www.lookingglass.org)), or call toll-free, 800-644-2666 (voice), 800-804-1616 (TDD/TTY), or by email at [tlg@lookingglass.org](mailto:tlg@lookingglass.org)

## Disability Preparedness Resource Center

The Disability Preparedness Resource Center website provides practical information on how people with and without disabilities can prepare for an emergency. It also provides information for family members of, and service providers to, people with disabilities. In addition, the site includes information for emergency planners and first responders to help them to better prepare for serving persons with disabilities. Check out this website at:

<http://www.disabilitypreparedness.gov/>

### **\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for People with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families –**

The Council has set-aside funding for *BOTH in-state and OUT-OF-STATE travel assistance for the upcoming fiscal year*. A limited amount of funds are available. Guidelines and application forms can be requested from the Council Office or found at the Council's web site. Limited funds are also available for recreation opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Feb 10, 2009	Pierre, Department of Human Services Budget Hearing
Feb 11, 2009	Pierre, Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol
Feb 21, 2009	Sioux Falls, Sibshops, SD Parent Connection
Feb 23, 2009	Pierre, Afterschool Day at the Capitol
Mar 6-7, 2009	Mitchell, Family Support Council Meeting
Mar 11, 2009	Fort Pierre, Rock, Rhyme and READ!!, Early Childhood Literacy Skills Workshop
Mar 16-20	Person Centered Thinking Skills training, Division of DD, check website for locations and topics
Mar 26-28, 2009	Sioux Falls, 2009 Statewide Special Education Conference
Mar 27, 2009	Sioux Falls, Just for Dad's...A Day for Fathers of Individuals with Disabilities by Dr. Tom Powell
Apr 4, 2009	Sioux Falls, Sibshops, SD Parent Connection
Apr 13-17, 2009	Mike Walling Trainings on Employment & Benefits, check website for locations
Apr 20-21, 2009	Sioux Falls, 2009 Spring Autism Workshop – Using a Data-Based Approach to Assess and Treat Pediatric Feeding Disorders
Apr 24, 2009	Sioux Falls, KidSpeak Forum and Champion for Children Luncheon
Apr 30 – May 2, 2009	Rapid City - SDAEYC/SD HeadStart Association Annual Conference, "Building Bridges, Making Connections"
Jun 5-6, 2009	Pierre, Family Support Council
Jun 10-12, 2009	Sioux Falls, Lighting the Way - Autism in Our Communities – Featuring Dr. James Ball and Dr. Temple Grandin
Jun 26-27, 2009	Rapid City, A Conference for Child Care Providers & Parents
July 13-17, 2009	Pierre, Second Annual Special Education Programs and Transition Services Liaison Project Summer Conference Featuring Miriam Kurtzig Freedman, Top 20 Training and Richard Lavoie.
July 2009	Rapid City & Sioux Falls – “Cultural Shifting: Building Inclusive Communities for All” by Al Condeluci
Sept 12, 2009	DDN Sites, Family Support Council
Sept 14-15, 2009	Sioux Falls, 2009 Fall Autism Workshop - Featured Speaker will be Michelle G. Winner, Center for Social Thinking and Think Social Publishing.
Nov 2009	Rapid City & Sioux Falls – “How to Motivate Persons Supported and Staff to Use Communication Systems” and “Working with Families”, presented by Denise Purdy

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